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- 1. IN HIS FAREWELL REMARKS TO ASSEMBLED DIPLOMATIC CORPS TODAY, BRITISH AMBASSADOR KILLICK NOTED THAT HE HAD SEEN GROMYKO ON TWO OCCASIONS IN RECENT HOURS AND THAT HE WAS PLEASED TO REPORT THAT SOVIET GOVERNMENT WAS ACTING RESPONSIBLY AT THIS STAGE OF MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. HE DID NOT GO INTO ANY DETAILS PUBLICLY.
- 2. KILLICK SUGSEQUENTLY TOLD ME THAT GROMYKO HAD GIVEN HIM ASSURANCES THAT THERE WOULD BE NO UNILATERAL INTERVENTION IN MIDDLE EAST FROM THE SOVIET SIDE. KILLICK SAID HE HAS ASKED FCO TO HAVE DETAILS OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH GROMYKO PASSED DIRECTLY TO SECRETARY KISSINGER VIA BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON, AND I ASSUME THIS HAS BEEN DONE.
- 3. ALLIED AND NON-ALLIGNED DIPLOMATS IN MOSCOW WHOM I MET TODAY WERE UNANIMOUS IN THEIR SUPPORT OF US DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN JOINT PEACE-KEEPING FORCE WITH SOVIETS. ALLIED AMBASSADORS REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL

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